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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 29, 2004

WEST NILE VIRUS

On June 24, 2004, the County Health Department announced the first human case of West Nile Virus fever in the County. This was not unexpected, because in recent weeks there have been numerous reports of dead birds and mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County. We must continue to be particularly vigilant to prevent human cases of the virus this summer.

The Department has implemented its plans for surveillance and public information about West Nile Virus and has been working with the vector and mosquito control districts across the County to maximize mosquito control.

People are most at risk of infection when they are outside in areas where mosquitoes are present, and this includes people who may be using our County parks and recreations facilities.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Directors of Health Services and Public Health, to work with the Director of Parks and Recreation to assure that a West Nile Virus information campaign, including signs or pamphlets is implemented quickly in all County outdoor park and recreation sites; and further direct the County Department of Health Services to offer their assistance to city parks and recreation departments, and other city departments in the County.

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